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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: ) Attorney Docket No: LAM2P232A  
T. Walsh ) Examiner: D. V. Nguyen  
Application No: 10/008,635 ) Group Art Unit: 3723  
Filed: December 4, 2001 ) Date: July 9, 2003  
For: PARALLEL ALIGNMENT METHOD )  
AND APPARATUS FOR CHEMICAL )  
MECHANICAL POLISHING )



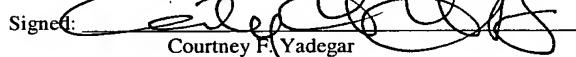
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Courtney F. Yadegar

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	SMALL ENTITY RATE FEE	OR	LARGE ENTITY RATE FEE
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>	<u>27</u> -	<u>22</u>	<u>05</u>	X09 = \$	OR	X18 = \$90.00
<b>INDEP CLAIMS</b>	<u>09</u> -	<u>04</u>	<u>05</u>	X42 = \$	OR	X84 = \$420.00
[ ] Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid				\$140		\$280
				<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b><u>\$510.00</u></b>

Applicant(s) hereby petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action.

Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-0805.

Enclosed is our Check No. 9207 in the amount of \$510.00 to cover the additional claim fee and/or extension of time fees.

If the required fees are missing or any additional fees are required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, please charge such fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P232A). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

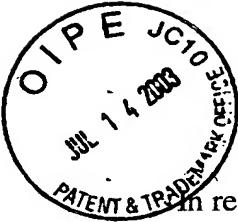
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## **AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 9, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified patent application:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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